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ARTICULATION AND TISSUE PRE-CLAMP**

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**RESPONSE**

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed on October 22, 2008, please consider this application as follows:

**A Complete listing of Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

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